

# COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



## Grayling Forest Management Unit

2009 Year-of-Entry

Location: Grayling Unit Office

October 25, 2007

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the Inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at open house, for the Grayling Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

### Attendees

Susan Thiel, FMFMD; Jim Bielecki, FMFMD; Larry Allwardt, FMFMD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Elaine Carlson, WLD; Glen Matthews, WLD; John Pilon, FMFMD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD; Patrick Cotant, FMFMD; Patrick Potter, FMFMD; Joan Charlebois, FMFMD; Craig Farrer, FMFMD; Dave Neumann, FMFMD; Steve Cross; George Kerschenheiter, WLD; Keith Fisher, WLD; Steve Sendek, FSD

Members of the public in attendance: None

### Comments from Stakeholders

The Open House was held at Grayling Forest Management Unit office October 9, 2007 – 22 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss management and prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Priscilla Whiteford, Grayling – Had complaint about looks of cuttings along Goose Creek Road. Later, met with DNR staff in the field and discussed management issues.
- Ron Gribb, Grayling – Wanted parcels being considered for Phase II disposal identified on a map.
- Brian Anderson, Michigan DEQ, Gaylord – New to DEQ in Gaylord and attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions.
- Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Grayling Visitor's Bureau – Attended open house to view maps and data and discuss management and prescriptions with staff. Had concerns with potential additional harvests of Kirtland's Warbler areas.
- Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor – Attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions.
- Bonnie Jones, Traverse City – Had questions regarding changes in the Cooperative Forest Act.
- David Brundage, Grayling - Attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions.
- Joe Kutkuhn, Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee - Attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions in the Upper Manistee River corridor and in Frederic Township.
- Alan Diodore, Grayling - Attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions along the North Branch of the AuSable River.
- Robert Green, Luzerne - Attended the open house to meet staff and view maps and prescriptions.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

#### **Comp 6 (Stand examiner – Pat Cotant)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 40, 41 – Change site condition factor to: ROAD NEEDED.
- Compartment Narrative – Trail number should read # 4 instead of # 14.
- Map – Confirm ownership of USFWS ownership in comp and adjust map labels accordingly.

#### **Comp 19 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 1 – Change harvest priority to 2. Add to comment: Harvest priority 2 due to green-up requirements.
- Stand 3 – Add to comment: When replanting, leave open corridor between stands 2 and 4 for openness connectivity.
- Stand 77 – Strike last sentence of comment beginning with Wildlife Division.
- Stand 40 – Add to comment: Keep high stumps back along swamp edge.
- Compartment Narrative – In Ownership Patterns section, change hunting ranch to cervid facility.

#### **Comp 28 (Stand examiner – Pat Marolla)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- No changes.

#### **Comp 71 (Stand examiner – Joan Charlebois)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 21 – In comment field: Qualify Candidate Conservation Agreement for Massasauga rattlesnake guidelines as draft.

#### **Comp 173 (Stand examiner – Pat Cotant)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 3 – Add to comment: Add to list of leave species scattered clumps. Expand west edge into stand 6 where possible.

- Stand 6 – Final harvest east of 2-track. Seed tree cut with reserves for the remainder.
- Stands 9, 11 – Add to comment: Bridge stands 9 and 14 by final harvesting portion of stand 11.
- Compartment Narrative - Add Trail # 679.

#### **Comp 177 (Stand examiner – Craig Farrer)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 11- Remove site condition factor of TOO STEEP. Add to comment: Large portion of area may not be treated due to steep topography. Estimated 75% of the area can be treated.
- Stand 26 – Change Management Objective to U-type. Remove planting prescription. Add to comment: Mixed species conversion is acceptable.
- Stand 39 – Change to final harvest with reserves. Add to comment: Leave retention islands.
- Stand 41 – Split at east/west road. See adjusted map. In south part, create new stand with Management Objective to U-type. Remove planting prescription. Add to comment: Mixed species conversion is acceptable. For retention leave scattered red pine.
- Stand 54 – Check map and database to be sure extra stand 54 is changed to stand 53.
- Stand 42 – Add to comment: Hold and treat with adjacent stand 33 in compartment 168 in YOE 2012. Leave 30% retention in islands for shelterwood effect.

#### **Comp 183 (Stand examiner – Pat Cotant)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Compartment Narrative – Campground is north of section 17 instead of 16.

#### **Comp 189 (Stand examiner – Craig Farrer)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stands 11, 131 – Prescribe burn to maintain fuel break.

#### **Comp 206 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Compartment Narrative – Add snowmobile trail #679 in addition to those already listed.

#### **Comp 212 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: Ron Gribbs, Grayling, requested at the open house that certain parcels be considered for disposal was reported. It was reported that Phase II land review already resolved disposal issues.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 31 – Change prescription to shelterwood. Add to comment: Generally consider as shelterwood. Aim at big tree management. Do not want to repeatedly enter area due to

access problems. Use combination of small clearcuts, shelterwood and marked thinnings to increase diversity. May have to delay treatment to treat with adjacent compartment 11 to the south. Add this same treatment to stands in compartment 11 to the south.

- Stand 47 – Change to shelterwood. Add to comment: Patch clearcut and/or open up around advanced red pine regeneration.

#### **Comp 221 (Stand examiner – Joan Charlebois)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 9 – In comment field: Delete “five one-acre islands”.

#### **Comp 241 (Stand examiner – Pat Morolla)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 461 – Delete treatment. Maintain as a G-type. Clean up comments.
- Stand 44 – Add to comment: Survey needed.

#### **Comp 246 (Stand examiner – Pat Morolla)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- No changes.

#### **Comp 252 (Stand examiner – Craig Farrer)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 24 – Add to comment: Check with military to see if road could be closed.

#### **Comp 266 (Stand examiner – Pat Cotant)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 25 – Separate south part and hold for visual and age class diversity. Create new stand from north portion.
- Stand 52 – Final harvest with reserves. Add to comment: Leave islands of oak and pine for visual and retention. Mixed stand for reproduction acceptable. Pay attention to visual impact along CR-612.
- Stands 54, 55 – Add to comment: Pursue exchange with county road commission.

**Comp 280 (Stand examiner – Joan Charlebois)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- No changes.

**Comp 282 (Stand examiner – Lucas Merrick)**

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties: There were no comments specific to this compartment.

Changes and decisions made at compartment review:

- Stand 13 – In wildlife comments: replace "...are scheduled" with "may be scheduled."
- Stand 2 – Add to comment: Add to the KW management plan.
- Stands 47, 51 – Add to comment: Lies within Connor's Marsh management area. Treatment maintains current mix that enhances wildlife values in Connor's Marsh.
- Stand 51 – Add to comment: Adjacent stand 400 is a managed opening. Need to protect during harvest operations.
- Stands 400, 401, 402 – In comments: Strike reference to rye planting.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.



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